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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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10/540,102

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Title:

VACUUM PACKAGING MACHINE FOR PRODUCT PACKAGES WITH

**MULTIPLE PRODUCTS** 

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY – PLURAL INVENTORS

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Sir:

As the above-identified inventors, we hereby declare that:

- 1) Our residence and post office addresses and citizenship are given below.
- 2) We believe that we are the first, original, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the above-entitled invention, the specification of which was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 27, 2006 and was assigned Serial No. 10/540,102.
- We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, 3) including the claims and any drawings attached thereto.
- 4) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

5) Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, we hereby claim foreign priority benefits based upon the belowidentified foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate:

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Serial No.:

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Any corresponding foreign counterpart applications for patent or inventor's certificate which were filed prior to the above-identified priority application are listed below:

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